

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments before the claim fees are calculated. The claims pending in the subject application after entry of this preliminary amendment are claims 1 to 20.

Specification

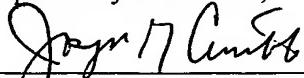
The present patent application is a national stage patent application of International Application No. PCT/CH2004/000270, filed 5 May 2004, which claims the benefit of Application No. GB 0310673.9, filed 9 May 2003, from which applications the present application claims priority.

Claims

Applicants have amended the claims herein solely for the purpose of reducing the number of excess claims, eliminating multiple dependent claims and conforming to U.S. claim format. New claim 20 has been added, finding support on pages 5, 8 and 9.

Applicants earnestly solicit a formal Notice of Allowance directed to claims 1 to 20.

Respectfully submitted,



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